

TAKING TOLL.

The road was new and pleasant, too,
By stream and forest winding;
The sky was fair, and every where
Surroundings were fine.
Said I, "This quester's toll-gate's near."
"You cannot go by it,"
"Without a toll," he said,
Said she, "You'd better try it!"
I took the toll—a generous dose—
Said she, "The rate is very great."
For such a trifling distance,
Said I, "You say, take back the toll."
To each minute fraction,
For your sweet sake I'll gladly take
A lesson in subtraction.

She whispered, "Nay, your taking way
Has robbed me of a dozen;
But you're no kin, so don't begin
To prove yourself a cozen."
We journeyed on through shade and sun,
Regardless of the distance;
And every day the toll we pay
That sweetens our existence.

THE IDOL WORSHIPPER.

H. H. Christian Union.

He made his law; carved it of wood
And stone, in shape he thought that gods
Should wear.
It was a monster, yet he found it fair;
It was a senseless stock; he found it good.
And knelt devout and loving where it stood;
When griefs and burdens seemed too great to bear.
He, trusting, called on it to help and share
I prayed beside him and did what I could
To wean him from his god unto my own,
In vain, he died!

Presumptions I asked,
"Can God save such?" A voice in sternest tones
I heard: "Thy thought no less than his has
masked
God's face. Thine at once has needlessly tasked
Himself. To God thy pray and his are one!"

GENERAL NOTES.

The four large paintings, said to be by Paul Veronese, which were discovered by M. Marcelle, in the lumber room of a hospital near Chartres, are to be sent to Paris to undergo the scrutiny of competent judges.

A private letter from London says that the Rev. Phillips Brooks preached in Westminster Abbey, July 12. Bayard Taylor and his family expect to return to America early in the autumn. Dr. Hayes has been very handsomely entertained during his visit to London.

The Trojan Marble Company at Brandon, Vt., are making 100,000 head stones for the United States government, which will be placed on the graves of soldiers buried at Arlington, the name and regiment of each being cut on the stone. The stone will be sunk two feet in the ground and stand one foot out.

Under the new postal law, which allows four pounds of macehandise to go through the mails for 32 cents, the forwarding of samples, instruments, etc., by mail has been largely increased. The highest postal rate for four pounds is about as low as that of the express companies to near points, and much lower than express rates to more distant parts of the country.

The St. Joseph (Mo.) Herald gives the following in speaking of defective feminine education in the West: A young lady just graduated by a Western seminary happened to be in Washington, and her attention being called by her escort to the unfinished shaft of the Washington monument, he made a comparison between the same and Banker Hill's monument. "Banker Hill!" Mr. G. exclaimed, "I wonder if you are a relative of the Rev. Samuel Hill who used to lecture us on omelology."

The Enfield (Conn.) Shakers are to be the subject of a little legislation. Some years ago the parents of three children, which they had placed with the Shakers, endeavored to get them away, and carried the case into court, but were beaten. The Shakers afterward turned the children on the town for support, and about a year ago also turned out one of their own infirm members. The town getting tired of this business, a bill is now before the Legislature which will oblige the Shakers to provide for their own community, as a father for a son, or a son for his parents.

The Spanish editors in New York, Jose Ferrer de Conto and Juan Bellido de Luna—the former editor of El Cronista, the Spanish organ of that city, and the latter editor of La Independencia, the Cuban organ—after abusing each other in print, recently arranged for a duel in Canada, but information given to a police court by one knowing of the proposed meeting, secured the postponement of the fight for the present. Luna, the only belligerent found, was held in \$1,000 bail to keep peace for six months.

The codification of the statutes of the United States, embracing the revision and consolidation of all the laws passed by Congress from 1789 to 1874, has been completed by the commissioners, Charles P. James and Benjamin D. Abbott, of New York, and V. M. Barringer, of North Carolina. When the work is finally completed it will be printed at the government printing office, and sold at the rate of one dollar per volume. The press-work and binding, the proceeds of all sales to be paid into the treasury. There will be only two octavo volumes.

A London correspondent says that previous to his death, J. M. C. Bell, the eloquent, had suffered so acutely from heart disease that he had not been able to lie down for a week. He was also so much wasted away that none of those who saw and admired him on the occasion of his tour through the United States would have recognized him in his handsome, energetic, and well-to-do appearance. His remains were taken to the cemetery of Kensal Green, most of the witnesses being old parishioners of Mr. Bell when he was in Protestant orders. The amount collected for his relief did not exceed \$300.

Notwithstanding the strikes in England the wages of all, except farm laborers, are going down. The colliers of South Durham have been reduced 10 per cent., and 70,000 are in idleness in opposition to the measure. The colliers in the Burnley district have refused to work at their masters' terms, after spending \$100,000 in idle resistance. The foremen in the collieries—men who are paid by weight for the coal raised, and make their own terms with the working-men, realize immense profits. In a case recently heard before a Warwickshire court, one of these foremen admitted that his income averaged \$400 a week in gold.

A left-hand writer in the Scientific American gives some reasons why it is better to write as he does. The hand is never in the way of vision. The pen point is always in plain sight, and so is the paper to be written on. There is, consequently, no inducement to stoop forward or to turn the head so as to throw the eyes out of the focus. It is a common fault with those who write right that the left eye has a shorter range than the right. It is overworked and compelled to adapt itself to nearer vision. In writing with the left hand these evils are avoided. An upright posture is the easiest, and the eyes are equally distant from the paper.

A jury in Truckee, Cal., had been out four hours, when the judge sent the sheriff to learn whether they were going to agree. The sheriff put an eye, then an ear, to the key hole of the room in which they were located

for deliberation. Then he brought the judge, and together they opened the door. On a table in the center of the room stood a bottle of whisky, and around it the hilarious 12 were marching in single file. The foreman carried on his back a bass drum, upon which the man behind him was pounding. Next came a fiddler, playing a snare drum, then a strill whistling a tune, and the rest were singing. "We couldn't agree on a verdict now," said the tipsy foreman, in reply to the judge's reproach, "and we didn't think 'twas any hurt for to have a social time, s'long's we was a congenial party."

AN INFERNAL MACHINE.

FINISHING ATTEMPT AT MURDER IN PHILADELPHIA—A MOTHER-IN-LAW THE VICTIM AND HER SON-IN-LAW THE CRIMINAL.

The Philadelphia Press of the 22d inst., contains the following account of a diabolical attempt at family murder: In the midst of the intense excitement concerning the abduction of the Ross child, another crime, only less important because of its failure, claims the attention of an already alarmed public. This is a deliberately planned plot to destroy the life of a person by the use of an "infernal machine," equal in horror to any of the attempted crimes of that character related as happening in this or other countries. It is the first of its kind that has ever been heard of in this city, and like the kidnapping case, possesses, if possible, a more vivid interest because of its very novelty. The circumstances as far as could be gleaned from the detectives last night, until which time they have been working the matter silently and surely, are as follows: The head of the Press will remember the double tragedy enacted at the house of Charles C. Herring, a carpet dealer, on Second street, below South, on the 30th of July last, when his son-in-law, Edward Wagner, killed his mother-in-law, and himself, and then attempted to poison himself and murdered his wife, supposed then and now from domestic troubles of some description. Whether arising out of this calamity or not, no one can at present tell, but it seems immediately following this, another son-in-law of Mr. Herring, named George Wagner, has been on last terms with his father's family, especially with the mother-in-law, Mrs. Herring. It is rumored that Wagner wanted to go into business with Mr. Herring, and that Mrs. Herring objected, thus arousing Wagner's anger and final attempt at revenge. Others say they were family troubles of another sort. However, there appears to have been something to bring matters lately to a crisis. On Saturday afternoon last, about 5 o'clock, Mr. Herring alleges that a little boy, apparently about 10 years of age, entered his store at No. 336 Second street, and placed a letter directed to Mrs. Herring in his hand, and left.

A PAPER PACKAGE.

on the top of a roll of cloth which happened to be standing by. The messenger said that the letter was a present for Mr. Herring. Seeing that the letter was directed to his wife, he took that and the package to her in another apartment. The letter was opened, but Mrs. Herring suspecting that some was wrong from the mysterious circumstances surrounding the gift, with true German idea of expression, exclaimed that the package looked like an "infernal machine." With a wonderful presence of mind she refused to have it opened, and would not even touch it. Mr. Herring then proceeded to unroll the bundle. Three or four wrappers of newspaper were torn off and a wooden box disclosed. It was fitted with a sliding lid. It was gently opened, there being still something dreadful expected, and to the consternation of the family, who, with the exception of one member, were now gathered in the room, found to contain about three pounds of powder, loosely poured in, on top of which was set a strip of wood covering the entire width of the box, between which holes, into which number of match heads had been stuck with the match end upward. The draw-lid was lined with sandpaper and fitted so as to come in contact with the matches, and so explode the death-dealing contents. Terribly alarmed, and in a state of nervous excitement not to be wondered at, Mr. Herring was called to the central station and informed the police authorities of the devilish attempt. The letter and box were at once placed in the hands of Capt. Heins, and Officers Joyce and Mears were entrusted to work up the case. The first thing done was to examine closely the handwriting of the letter. Suspicion was at once directed toward the son-in-law, Wagner. A number of notes and other matter written by him were compared with the letter, and there was a strong resemblance detected between the writing upon a bill which had been presented to Mr. Herring by Wagner and the letter which was the cause of the after careful comparison, declared them to be the same, notwithstanding that a strong effort had been made, by the use of large characters and many flourishes, to disguise the notoriously signed epistle. A warrant was at once issued for arrest, and Mr. Herring was removed yesterday afternoon to the central station, and locked up at the central station. Here the prisoner gave his name as Edward Wagner, his age as 25 years, and his residence at 508 South Fifth street, where he has lately resided, having formerly lived in the house of Mr. Herring. The full facts of the case will be legally made bare. Enough has been developed to merit calling it a "most atrocious and

MURDEROUS DESIGN.

which, if it had proved successful, would have destroyed many lives. The letter which accompanied the box, as mentioned above, was written with studied carelessness. A single sheet of ordinary note paper, covered with blotting and stained with water on both sides, contained the false message. The envelope was directed:

Mrs. C. C. Herring,
606 South Second street,
Present.

The contents were worded and spelled as follows:

PHILADELPHIA, July 17, 1874.
Mrs. C. C. HERRING:—You will have the kindness of looking at samples of the window boxes enclosed in package you will find something very valuable in your store. They are a new patterned article which will demand a great call on you in a few days. You can exhibit the same in your store free of charge if not suitable return the same to factory No. 5558 North Front street.

The box is plainly made and exteriorly possesses no remarkable feature. It is about eight inches long, three wide, and four deep. The method of filling it, which was followed for the sake of safety to the inventor, has evidently been to slide the lid of the box on slightly, then overturn it, place the wood with the matches in first, and then pour the powder over all, the bottom, which at first served for the top, being firmly held to its place by paper pasted securely to the sides. If the modern parlor matches had been used instead of common tapers the danger of explosion would have been greatly increased. As it was, those placed on the board failed to ignite when the rough surface of the sand was drawn smoothly and slowly over their surfaces. Wagner is a quiet, well-dressed, gentlemanly-looking man, and has nothing of the desperado in his appearance. It is remarkable what a fatality seems to attend the family of Mr. Herring two such dreadful events within one year, lacking only thirteen days of being anniversary occasions.

AN AUTOBIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH.

The following singular poem from Mr. Tilton, written at the time of his troubles, has a singular interest now:

SIR MARMADUCE'S MUSINGS.

I won a noble name,
But with a sudden frown,
The late so clear, was clouded by my crown,
And in the mire trod down
My lofty name.

I bore a bounteous purse,
And beggars by the way,
Then blessed me day by day,
But I, grown poor as they,
Have now their curse.

I gained what men call friends,
But now their love is hate,
And I have learned too late
How false minds unite,
And friendship ends.

I clasped a woman's breast,
As if her heart I knew,
Or fancied, would be true,
She proved—alas, she, too!
False, like the rest.

I now am all bereft—
As when some tower doth fall,
With battlements and wall,
And gate, and bridge, and all—
And nothing left.

But I cannot it worth
All things of fair hopes crossed—
All loves and honors lost—
To gain the heavens at cost
Of losing earth.

So, let me be inclined
To render up for ill—
Henceforth in me instill,
O God, a sweet good will
To all mankind.

SLEEPY HOLLOW, NOV. 1, 1871.

BESIDE THE SEA.

BY EDNA MARIE CASS.

The waves leaped up and kissed the sands,
Aye, kissed her slender, jeweled hands,
Then onward fled, full soon, full fleet,
As close we stood beside the sea,
The restless, wind-tossed sea.

The landward breeze blew clear, blew strong,
Above the fisher's lad's wild song,
The light-house lamp shone like a star
Beyond the heaving harbor-bar,
That long-lost eve beside the sea—
The gleeful, dancing sea.

The scent of roses filled the air—
Red roses, and white, and blue,
A pale young moon hung in the sky,
We heard the curlew's mournful cry,
That summer eve beside the sea,
The singing, silver sea.

We parted in the pale moonlight—
Kissed lips and forehead white,
I kissed and wept, and he wept and cried,
No dream of that which was in store,
That golden eve beside the sea,
The dimpled laughing sea.

When next we two did meet—did meet,
With bloods hot and forehead wet,
She lay for death and death he lay,
The mystery of mysteries
Had been at last made plain to her;
But I—her lover—her worshipper,
Made bitter music beside the sea,
The melancholy sea!

SCANDAL REMINISCENCES.

TILTONIAN.

THE TESTIMONY OF MRS. STANTON AND MISS ANTHONY—ITS EFFECT ON THE INVESTIGATION—A REPORT TO THE COURTS—TILTON'S LECTURING TRIP TO WINSTED, CONN.—WHAT IS SAID ABOUT IT—SOME STRANGE SIGHTS AND DOINGS.

A special to the Chicago Times, from New York, dated the 27th inst., gives additional facts bearing on the great Brooklyn scandal: Beecher's investigating committee was in session this evening, but their proceedings were kept strictly secret. It is rumored that Frank Moulton will be asked to appear before the committee to-morrow. It is very doubtful, however, if he will consent to be examined by said committee. His position in this matter is, he says, a confidential one as between Tilton and Beecher, and he does not think he (Moulton) ought to testify except before some legal tribunal. Elizabeth Cady Stanton's declaration that Mrs. Tilton had confessed her criminal intimacy with Beecher to Susan B. Anthony, and Susan's reported willingness to testify in hearing such confession, has been the great scandal. 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